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New Orleans March 22

Dear Mama,

your letter by the
Grey Eagle came safe to hand. which
tells me that you are not quite overflooded
you tell me in your letter that you
have been wearing my old shoes. why is
it ~~that~~ are you just doing it because they
are mine. last night I went to a large
~~party~~ party at Mrs Pinckard. I stayed all night
Uncles not long ago all the little ^{girls} Eve well
Miss Lee is not very well sit up outside
and lies down as for myself pretty well
Uncle Tom tells me that Mr Mason rented
Grand Ma house which you spoke of
I am sorry hear that Mrs Graham
has no house. I went see Mrs Sellers
but she was, not in I suppose you received
a letter last trip I am not going to
write a very long letter this time
Give my love Pa an Grand
Ma an take a equal share for yourself
your affection son Fred Bernier

I hope you will excuse my mistakes